Kanara to cut down the grants to the aided and other schools; if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place a copy of the said circular on the table of the House; and

(b) what the reasons are why the said circular has been issued?

A.—No such circular has been issued.

Action taken by the Government on the resolution of the Legislative Council, dated 30th March 1920, in regard to an effective curriculum for elementary education.

* 579 Q.—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state with reference to the assurance given by Mr. Littlehailes, Director of Public Instruction, in 1920 to the resolution moved by Mr. B. Venkatapati Razu on 30th March 1920 in this House regarding the need for constituting a committee to enquire and report upon a desirable curriculum for elementary education with special reference to vocational studies suited to rural and urban areas, that the department has been alive to the defects that exist, especially as regards framing of a suitable curriculum and of enforcing them upon schools and that the matter is under consideration of the Government, whether any definite steps have been taken since that date to frame a suitable curriculum and enforce it on elementary schools; if so, what steps have been taken in the matter?

A.—Since the date referred to by the hon. Member in his question, the two subjects of 'nature study' and 'practical instruction' have been added to the elementary school curriculum. Practical instruction consists of instruction in wood-work, weaving, etc.

11-45 a.m. Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know whether the Government have made any provision in the budget for the next year to help the schools to provide practical instruction?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"I cannot say."

Levy and collection of education-tax in the province.

* 580 Q.—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) in which of the districts, education-tax has been levied; from which year and at what rate;

(b) in which of the districts, education-tax has not been levied so far and why; and

(c) what the total amount is of education-tax collected in each district where such a tax has been levied during 1934–35?

A.—(a) & (b) Education tax is levied in all rural areas in the Presidency except in Nellore district, where it is levied only in one taluk. The present rates of education-tax

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are given in the statement[a] appended. Before the abolition of taluk boards different rates of tax were in force in different taluks of each district, and in some taluks no tax was levied. A rate of tax uniform throughout the district has been levied in all districts (except Nellore) only from the current year.

(c) Final figures of the proceeds of education-tax in 1934–35 have not yet been reported to Government.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I know, Sir, whether fees are levied from pupils in the board schools in areas where education tax is collected?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"In elementary schools maintained by local bodies almost invariably education is free."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"In the Kadiri taluk of the Nellore district education-cess is collected. Now that the taluk boards are abolished, are any special facilities given?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"The question of levy throughout the area is under consideration."

Orphanages maintained by foreign missionaries with Government aid.

* 581 *Q.*—Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many orphanages are there run by foreign missionaries which get grant from the Government; and

(*b*) whether there are any Indian orphanages under Indian management which get Government grant?

A.—(*a*) One hundred and seventy-seven orphanages managed by foreign missions received grant in 1934–35.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"How many Indian Orphanages are there?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"Notice."

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur:—"May I know, Sir, whether the grants given to Indian Orphanages under Indian management are on the same scale as those given to the orphanages under foreign missionaries?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"It does not depend upon the agency that is running the orphanage."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"Out of 177 how many are for Indian boys and girls and how many for Europeans?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"I cannot say."

[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 123 infra.